

Baptists Gave \$1 Million A Day During

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)—Southern Baptists gave an average of over one million dollars per day during 1956 to reach an all-time high in total giving of \$372,136,675. This indicated an over per capita gift of \$42.73.

1956 Statistics

The above statements are based on official denominational statistics for 1956 released this week by J. P. Edmunds, secre-

tary of the Survey, Statistics, and Information Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville. A total membership of 8,708,823 was reported, for a gain of 234,062 over 1955. The total number of churches climbed to 30,834, a net gain of 457 churches in 1956.

Baptisms

The 30,834 churches are clas-

sified as follows: open country, 14,930; village, 4,826; town, 3,793; city, 7,285. They reported a total of 384,627 baptisms. Mission gifts were reported as \$64,954,516, a gain of \$6,594,269 over 1955. This was an average per capita gift of \$7.46.

Sunday school enrollment in the Southern Baptist Convention increased 2.7 per cent, for a record enrollment of 6,623,

713. Since 1946, Sunday school enrollment has increased 3,084,789, for an average gain of 308,478 per year.

Enrollment

Training Union Sunday evening study group for all ages including adults, reported an enrollment of 2,334, a gain of 4.2 per cent. Vision Bible school enrollment reached 2,733,990, a gain of 1.8 per cent.

Vacation Bible schools were held in 75.5 per cent of the churches and 54,016 conversions were reported in these schools.

Brotherhood enrollment climbed to 445,630, a gain of 10.2 per cent, and the Woman's Missionary Union enrollment to 1,267,850, a gain of 1.8 per cent.

Property

The expansion of Southern Baptists was further reflected

in the gain of \$167,931,802 in property value for a total of \$1,491,385,336.

"Southern Baptists are the fastest growing major denomination in the United States," Edmunds said. "Since 1946, church membership in the Southern Convention has increased 2,629,518, or 43.3 per cent. The Southern Baptist Convention now has cooperating churches

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The 1,751 Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi reported 15,739 baptisms, during 1956, and a total church membership of 436,732. Total gifts through the churches were \$16,230,555, and church property was valued at \$67,396,395.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Pastor Edward Hughes Pruden points out to a group of executive secretaries and editors the features of the new \$1,500,000 Gothic building which houses the First Baptist Church, Washington. The church was organized in 1802 while Jefferson was President. Dr. Pruden recently observed his 20th anniversary as pastor.

Rocky Mt. Church Case Sent To Higher Court

RALEIGH, N. C. (RNS)—The majority group of the North Rocky Mount (N. C.) congregation has filed a new appeal with the North Carolina State Supreme Court in an attempt to win back the church property awarded to a minority faction.

It asks the court to reverse a decision of Superior Court Judge Clifton L. Moore which denied a petition to reopen litigation over ownership of the \$250,000 church property.

Majority Group

In December, 1954, the Supreme Court upheld an earlier Superior Court decision awarding the property to a minority of the congregation that remained loyal to the state and Southern Baptist Conventions in a congregation dispute. The Superior Court said then that the minority group was the "true congregation" of the church and therefore entitled to possession of the church property.

The new trial had been requested by the Rev. Samuel H. W. Johnston, former pastor of the church, on behalf of the majority group, on the grounds of "new evidence." Mr. Johnston instigated the movement to withdraw from the state and

Harvard Tops Goal Of Five Million For Divinity School

SAMBRIDGE, Mass. (RNS)—A goal of \$5,000,000 in endowments, set by a national committee in 1952 to provide for "a new center of religious learning" at Harvard University's Divinity School has been achieved. Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, president, announced here.

Survey Reveals Many British Clergymen Poor

LONDON (RNS)—Many of Britain's clergymen are so poor they cannot buy new clothes for their families or provide them with enough food, a survey disclosed.

It was made by the Rev. Nathaniel Micklem, former principal of Mansfield College, Oxford. His investigations embraced ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches as well as clergymen of the Church of England.

He reported that one minister had not been able to buy his wife a winter coat for 12 years. Another said his teenage boys have gone without coats since they were little more than babies.

A third clergymen informed Dr. Micklem that "our children are not adequately fed, and often rise from the table actually hungry."

According to the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation, a Church of England organization, 6,763 or the 11,387 Anglican clergymen in Britain get less than \$1,820 a year, and only 4401 have salaries above \$2,800. From these salaries they must meet such personal expenses as telephone calls and bus fares to visit parishioners. Some even have to pay rent.

The Anglican organization last year distributed 270 parcels of clothing and sent \$80,000 to 1,112 clergymen in financial distress.

Atheism Drive Being Launched In Soviet Union

LONDON (RNS)—Another all-out drive against "religious superstition" among young people is being launched in the Soviet Union, the Moscow Radio reported.

The station said a decree has been published by the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League making it compulsory for all affiliated organizations "to step up and improve scientific atheistic propaganda among Soviet youth."

The decree, published in Komsomolskaya Pravda, organ of the Youth League, called upon the organizations to recruit school teachers and college and university professors in propaganda drives throughout the country.

Also recruited for the anti-religious campaign, the decree said, should be doctors, astronomers and engineers—"in fact, all who are capable of giving a convincing explanation about the anti-scientific essence of religion."

The Moscow Radio said the decree further stipulates that amateur dramatic societies must perform plays of "a scientific, atheistic and anti-religious nature."

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Late Bulletins From Around The World

By Religious News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Boyd H. Leedom, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, was elected president of International Christian Leadership, Inc., here. He succeeds Governor Price Daniel of Texas.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Cordova Airlines of Anchorage, Alaska, became the second commercial airline to file a tariff schedule with the Civil Aeronautics Board here offering reduced fares to clergymen.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (RNS)—The Moravian Church will launch its 500th anniversary celebration on March 3 with special services in nine key centers in the United States. The quincentennial observance will be marked throughout the world, wherever the Moravian Church exists. "Year of Dedication."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Missionary Volunteers, official youth organization of the Seventh-day Adventists, is marking its 50th anniversary with a world-wide year-long program.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., presided at the annual Young African Medal Bravery to Lance E. Zernach, 19, of Lawncetburg, Ind., for rescuing a year-old boy from drowning ring a Methodist Youth Fellowship picnic at Clifty Falls State Park, Ind.

CINCINNATI, (RNS)—The average American girl prefers marriage to a car and if she must work does "mother-type" jobs, a Christian vocational specialists reported here.

Contributions Needed

Arnold T. Ohrn, general sec-

retary of the Alliance,

with headquarters in Washington, said that while the need for

homes is more than adequately

filled for the time being, there

still exists a need for financial

contributions.

Contributions can be sent

through your Baptist church as

a special designation to Hungarian relief work or you may send

them directly to Baptist World

relief committee, 1628, 16th St., N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

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Reinstatement Of Unfrocked Pastor Is Recommended

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS)—A committee of the North-

west Synod, led Lutheran

Church in America, recom-

mended the reinstatement of a Wis-

consin Luther pastor un-

frocked a year ago for heresy.

The Rev. V. K. Wrigley, 37, of Brookfield, who had been

convicted on counts of doc-

trinal deviation, appeared be-

fore the committee with a pre-

pared statement of his Christian

faith.

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Woman Retires After 74 Years As Bible Teacher

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (RNS)—Ninety-year-old Mrs. Hannah McIlrath of New Castle has re-

tired after serving for 74 years as a Bible teacher and Sunday

school officer. Her long teach-

ing career began in Belfast,

Ireland, continued in Pitts-

burgh, Pa., and wound up here.

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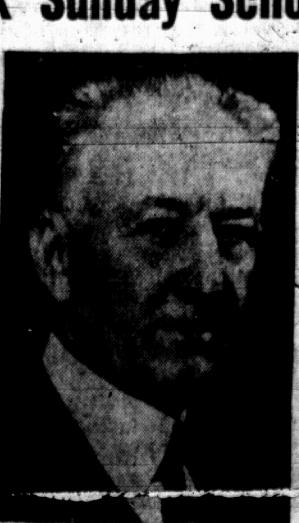
Outstanding Speakers To Mark Sunday School Conventions



Wayne Dehoney



W. J. Farrell



T. L. Holcomb

Rev. Wayne Dehoney, pastor Central Park Church, Birmingham; W. J. Farrell, secretary Church Architecture Department, Sunday School Board, at Nashville, and Dr. T. L. Holcomb, associate pastor, Lakewood Church, Dallas, will be the three visiting principal speakers for the three state Sunday School conventions to be held March 12-14.

Dr. E. C. Williams, state Sunday School secretary, who will direct the meetings, announced the schedule as follows:

March 12, Greenwood First Church; March 13, Brookhaven First, and March 14, Hattiesburg Main Street.

Prospects Sought

Mr. Edmunds denied, as charged in some church circles, that salesmen requested lists of church members for "prospects." Dr. Robert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist, said he was approached by a salesman who wanted "leads."

The Southern Christian Corp. has signed an agreement to sell shares of stock in the proposed Southern Christian Life Insurance Co. of Oklahoma City.

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REFUGEE SUPPORT EXCEEDS DEMAND

135 Hungarians Are Now Sponsored By Baptist Groups

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptists of America have been

hostile in offering homes

and employment to Hungarian

refugees that "there are not

enough refugees to satisfy all

the requests."

A Klaupiks, co-ordinator of

the Baptist World Alliance's re-

lief committee and refugee re-

settlement program, has "noti-

fied" volunteer sponsors that

many of them are likely to be

disappointed.

400 Offers of Help

He said that about 135 Hungar-

ian refugees have been as-

signed to Baptist sponsors in

America through the commit-

tee's processing office at Camp

Kilmer, N. J.

This falls far short of satisfy-

ing the more than 400 offers of

help that have come from Bap-

tist families, churches, and

schools across America. "We are

BROTHERHOOD ASSOCIATE:

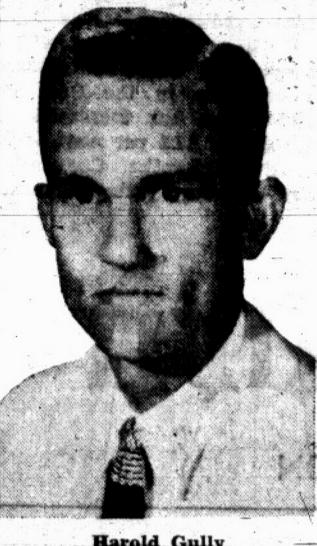
HAROLD GULLY NAMED

Harold N. Gully, Jackson, BSU director for Hinds County Association, has accepted the position of associate secretary in the Brotherhood Department of the State Convention Board, according to announcement by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Gully, a layman, is a native of Neshoba, Miss. and is a graduate of Mississippi State College. He also holds the MRE degree from New Orleans Seminary.

For two summers he was youth director of First Church, Starkville and he spent two years in the U. S. Army during World War II, most of it in Europe.

Prior to coming to his present position he was for three years BSU director for Pearl River



Harold Gully

Junior College, Poplarville. He will assume his new duties in the near future. W. R. Roberts is secretary of the Department.

Mr. Gully was the first director of the Hinds County BSU program, which was not only the first such program in Mississippi but the first in the Southern Convention.

Several improvements in the work have been made under his leadership.

A weekly BSU meeting is now held on every campus in the association and definite steps have been taken on one campus to reach first magnitude.

Mr. Gully is married to the former Nelly Robbins of Columbia and they live at 505 Englewood, Jackson.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

Regional Music Festival Information

The Regional Music Festivals will begin on March 8th and close on April 12. Rule sheets, dates, and schedule have already reached the field. If you failed to receive your copy of the rule sheets, write the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. and materials will be sent to you immediately.

A goal of \$500 has been set for the participation in 1957. Your church should have some entries in this Festival this year.

The Hymn Playing regulations have been changed as to the number of entries a church may have in the Festival. All Hymn Players who have entered the Festival before will be qualified to continue entering until they reach the age of 17. Each church may enter four additional new Hymn Players. It is the opinion of those planning this great Festival program that once a hymn player enters the program he or she should be permitted to continue that study. The new rule on entry will make it possible for each student to continue once they enter the festival.

Rules for the Choral work have been expanded to give more freedom in this area of our work. Any church entering for the first time may enter a quartet if it is impossible to enter a larger group. After the first year the group should be expanded to six or more members. Any church may enter a male quartet in this Festival. The male quartet is considered a standard unit in the church music ministry.

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This year we are expecting a large group of instrumental entries. Read the rules on the instrumental division and plan to enter at least one group from your church this year.

There will not be a refreshment period at the church this year. The program will begin at 8 o'clock with the Hymn Playing and only a short break will come between the Hymn Playing and Choral work, which will be held at night. In case of a conflict auditions for Hymn Players and Choral Groups may be arranged during the afternoon period. Let us know if you desire an early audition.

This program has proven to be a success. The new rule on entry will make it possible for each student to continue once they enter the festival.

Up till then, decreases had been regularly reported for several years, but the downward trend was arrested and, despite 1956 disappointments, the total is higher than nine years ago.

be a fine educational process. It will stimulate your music program. Any church, regardless of its size, can enter this program. We hope this year we will have a larger number of rural churches and small churches entering the Festival program.

Choose the Festival of your choice and mail the registration blanks listing your entries at the earliest possible moment to the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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Hammond Says Protestants Not Alert In PR Field

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (RNS) — U. S. Protestant churches are "missing the boat" in their public relations programs, the 39th annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council was told here.

Dr. Harold E. Hammond of New York, executive secretary of the council's Division of Public Relations, said an estimated 50 per cent of the American population is without church affiliation, but Protestantism generally is not competing successfully for their attention with the murder mystery, the comic book, pulp literature and tabloids.

He added that church public relations programs which do only "the ordinary and expected things" can get little attention from "an advertising and promotion-saturated public."

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British Methodist Members Decrease

LONDON (RNS) — Membership in the Methodist Church of Great Britain decreased by 1,877 in 1956 to a total of 742,444, it was announced here.

"1956 was the second successive year in which there was a slight fall," commented the Methodist Press Service, "but it was only the third loss recorded since 1948."

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Study course books for**ALCOHOL EDUCATION WEEK — MARCH, 1957****For Adults:****SHADOW OVER AMERICA** by John D. Freeman

This book shows the true nature of alcohol, how God intended it to be used, and how man has misused it. Every adult will gain inspiration, information, and strength from this book for the battle against alcohol. (6c) 60¢

For Young People:**ALCOHOL AND CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE** by C. Aubrey Hearn

Christian young people are given a clear understanding of the alcohol problem and are encouraged to have a positive witness for Christ. (6c) 60¢

For Intermediates:**IT'S UP TO YOU** by Dorothy Severson

The alcohol problem is presented to teenagers in terms they easily understand. By giving adequate information and inspiration, it seeks to recruit teenagers in the battle against alcohol. (6c) Pupil's and teacher's editions, each, 35¢

For Juniors:**HIGHWAY TO HEALTH** by Mary Jane Haley

Juniors follow Don and Carol, typical Juniors, as they pursue a number of projects in which knowledge about the evils of drinking unfolds. (6c) Pupil's and teacher's editions, each, 35¢

For Primary Leaders:**PRIMARY LEADERSHIP MATERIAL****Unit 3: "Pleasing God with My Body"**

This is not a study course book, but is to provide for Primary children while their parents are attending the study course. (6c) 35¢

Order an ample supply of these books today from your BAPTIST BOOK STORE

Norris Gilliam Passes Away

Dr. Norris Gilliam

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Dr. Norris Gilliam, contracts and investment counselor for the Baptist Sunday School Board since Sept. 1954, died here Feb. 15 from a heart ailment. Funeral services were held Feb. 16 at Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Before coming with the Board, Dr. Gilliam was a member of the local executive committee of the Board as chairman of the printing committee and a member of the plans and policies committee.

A Texan by birth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gilliam, Dr. Gilliam finished high school at Bells, Tenn., was graduated from Union University in 1923 received his Th.M. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1927, and was awarded the D. D. degree by Union University in 1937.

In addition to his wife, survivors are two sons, Norris, Jr., with the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y., and Robert, with the Chamber of Commerce, Memphis; a sister Mrs. R. O. Shelton, of Jackson, Tenn., and a grandson, Robert Marshall Gilliam, of Memphis.

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Graham Denies He Plans to Quit Evangelism

NEW YORK (RNS) — Billy Graham issued a statement here emphatically denying a New York newspaper report that he would shortly quit the ministry of evangelism and was considering offers from universities to serve as a fund-raiser. He also took issue with the report's assertion that he was no longer "the Biblical literalist that he was widely supposed to be."

The newspaper story was based on a talk Mr. Graham gave to a gathering of Protestant Episcopal clergymen. The gathering was called to discuss the evangelist's New York Crusade which begins in May. It was one of a series of conferences with area clergymen to discuss campaign plans and preparations.

"I do not have any intention whatsoever of quitting the ministry of evangelism," Mr. Graham said, "but have pledged my life to this work as long as I am able to continue. Further, I have never at any time considered becoming a 'fund-raiser' for any organization or institution. My ministry, my calling, my life work is evangelism."

On the matter of his Biblical views, Mr. Graham said:

"I want it known that I believe with all my heart in the full inspiration of the Bible from cover to cover. It may be that due to the intensely theological nature of the discussion, the reporter . . . did not understand the context or the remarks."

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. (RNS) — Yale University's first residence for women has been opened on its divinity school campus here.

DuPree Jordan, Jr.

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for ministers, teachers and
others interested in
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Trustees Approve \$784,000 Budget For N. O. Seminary

An operating budget calling for \$784,000 in 1957-58 was approved by the Board of Trustees of New Orleans Seminary at its concluding session on Feb. 6.

This is the largest budget in the history of the institution and is \$92,000 higher than the 1956-57 budget.

Laud Dr. Leavell

The 29-member board, representing 15 states, also approved a resolution lauding Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, seminary president, for "a very splendid job in building our seminary to the high position it occupies today." Dr. Leavell is in his 11th year as president of the institution.

Authorize Degree

In other action the board, ten of whose members are from New Orleans, authorized the School of Christian Training to offer the bachelor of theology degree to students who have completed at least 60 hours of liberal arts college work but who have not received a college degree.

Students may enroll for the degree at the beginning of the regular fall session in September.

Previously the only awards open to students without college degrees were diplomas in theology, religious education and sacred music.

Seek Endowment Funds

A program authorizing the seminary to seek endowment funds through insurance policies was also approved. Under the program, the seminary is the irrevocable beneficiary of the life insurance policy making the premiums deductible from the individual's income tax.

Seek Four New Professors

The board also authorized the president to seek four new professors for the seminary faculty; granted a year's leave of absence, beginning June 1, to Professor Claude Rhea, Jr., of the School of Sacred Music and music director for St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, to study for the doctor of philosophy degree in music at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.; approved a six months leave of absence as half of a sabbatic leave, beginning in the summer of 1958, to Dr. John M. Price, Jr., director of the School of Religious Education; and elected Dr. W. R. Fussell, pastor of Gentilly Baptist Church, New Orleans, to fill the unexpired term of New Orleans board member Eben Watkins, who died in December of last year.

Mississippians among the board members present included Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, president, and Eugene L. Farr of Clinton.

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Youth For Christ Gets New President

WHEATON, Ill. (RNS) — Dr. Theodore W. Engstrom, 40, of Wheaton, was named president of Youth for Christ International.

He succeeds Dr. Robert A. Cook who will leave the organization Sept. 1 to become vice-president and distribution manager of Scripture Press here.

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Carmel Homecoming Set For March 17

Carmel Church in Lawrence County near Monticello will celebrate Homecoming Day on March 17.

Rev. M. C. Nelson (to be the morning speaker) and Dr. N. W. Carpenter, Jr. (to be the afternoon speaker) are both former pastors of the church.

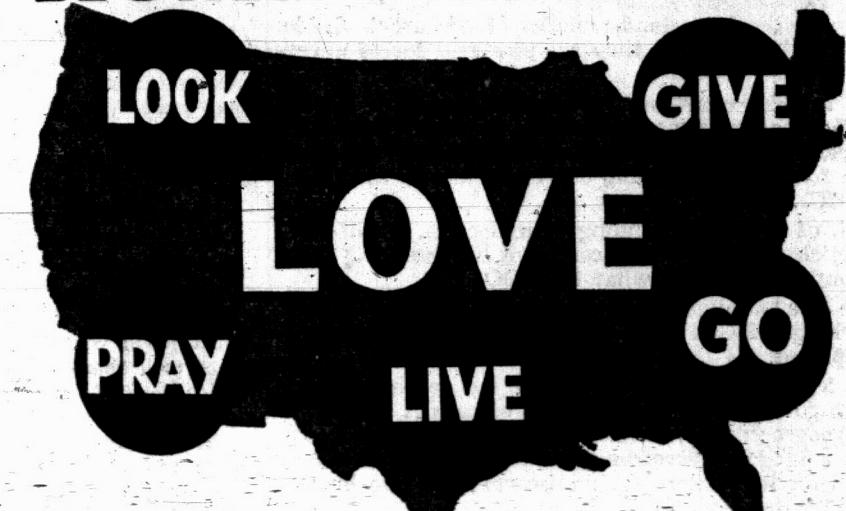
Rev. Hoyt E. Nelson is the pastor.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Baptist WMU of Mississippi will be presented to the WMU Convention. Article VII of the Constitution requires that the proposed amendment must be published in two issues of the Baptist Record. The proposed amendment concerns Article III, Section I — that "Prayer Chairman" be added to the list of officers.

OUR MISSION IN HOME MISSIONS

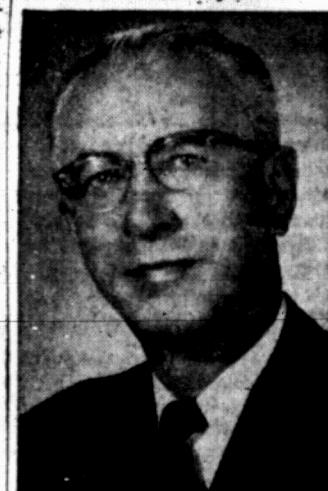


WEEK OF PRAYER for HOME MISSIONS March 4-8

Summary Of 1956 Statistics

Churches	30,834	30,377	457	1.5
Baptisms	384,627	416,867	32,240	7.7
Membership	8,708,823	8,474,741	234,082	2.8
Sunday School Enrollment	6,823,713	6,641,715	181,998	2.7
Vacation Bible School Enrollment	2,833,990	2,652,788	81,202	5.1
Training Union Enrollment	2,316,354	2,223,502	92,852	4.2
WMU Enrollment	1,267,850	1,245,358	22,492	1.8
Brotherhood Enrollment	445,630	404,281	41,349	10.2
Total Gifts	\$372,136,675	\$334,836,283	\$37,300,392	11.1
Missions and Benevolences	\$64,954,516	\$58,360,247	\$6,594,269	11.3
Total Value Church Property	\$1,491,385,336	\$1,323,453,534	\$167,931,802	12.7

Dr. Kyle M. Yates Conducts Revival At Northside, Jax



Dr. Kyle M. Yates

Dr. Kyle M. Yates, head of the Bible Department at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, is conducting the annual spring revival, February 24-March 3, at Northside Church, Jackson.

Prior to his present affiliation, Dr. Yates served for 20 years as professor of the Old Testament at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He also has been pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, for a ten-year period.

A noted author, speaker and Hebrew scholar, Dr. Yates served as the Southern Baptist representative to the committee on the Revision of the Bible, the American Revised version which was published in 1953 by Nelson and Sons.

He was a featured speaker at Northside's 25th anniversary services in September 1955.

Books written by Dr. Yates include: "Preachings from the prophets," "Preachings from the Psalms" and "Essentials of Biblical Hebrew."

On the weekdays, with the exception of Saturday, during the revival period, two services are being held daily, one beginning at 7:00 a. m., the other at 7:15 p. m., which features special music.

A week of special visitation and prayer preceded the revival.

Rev. William Henry Crouch is the church's pastor.

"M" Night Attendance

A total of 963 associations have now reported a total of 437,258 persons attending Training Union "M" Night on December 3, compared with 383,848 in 1955. A total of 17,741 churches were represented, and the attendance included 12,979 passers.

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40 Million Stamps Sought To Assist Church Building

COPENHAGEN (RNS) — The Rev. L. A. Klausen, pastor of Utterslev Lutheran church, launched a campaign to collect 40,000,000 cancelled stamps from Copenhagen business offices. He hopes the sale of these will provide a quarter of the funds necessary to build a new church.

Danish law provides that if a quarter of the cost of erecting a church is raised privately, the State will pay half the total cost. The remaining quarter may be borrowed from a credit association.

Melrose (Yazoo) Announces Revival



Rev. Charles R. Williams, pastor of the Evergreen Church, Louisville, will be the visiting speaker during the revival at the Melrose Church (Yazoo County) March 4-10.

Services will be each evening at 7:30. Rev. Leon Emery is the pastor.

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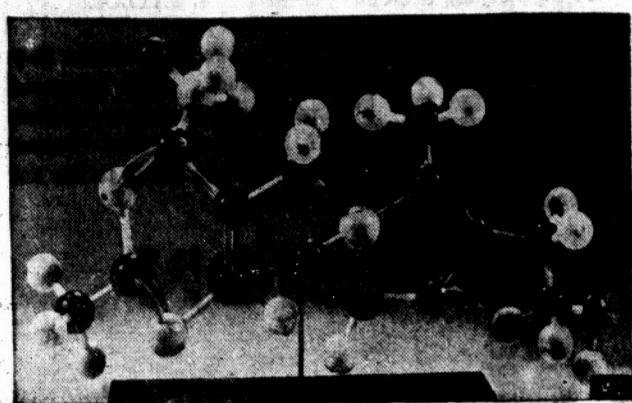
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EDITORIALS

**C₁₂H₁₇CIN₄OS.HCl**

Many of the important realities of life are invisible. They cannot be seen, but they are powerful forces nevertheless.

The toy-like contrivance above is a science lecture model of one of life's intangible units—the molecule. This one happens to be a careful representation of the thiamine molecule from the B vitamin, otherwise known as C₁₂H₁₇CIN₄OS.HCl.

Much of our understanding of molecules, as in other basic particles of matter, has come not by observing them per se, but in observing what they DO.

Here is a parallel to the realities of spiritual power. The workings of God with the human spirit are not always apparent.

The Kingdom of God is beyond the reach of sight. Being the rule of God in the hearts of men it cannot be defined geographically, chronologically or institutionally. It is not a kingdom according to the usual standards of the world for its borders are undiscernible to the human eye.

Much of our understanding of spiritual things has come from observing the RESULTS of this invisible divine power.

A case in point is the report at the top of page 1 of Southern Baptist efforts during 1956. The working of the Holy Spirit in our midst is imperceptible to the eye. But here are the fruits by which this large body of Christians must be known. Here is a visible representation of the invisible work of God among Baptist people.

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The Death of "Ma" Sunday

A notable era left us last week with the passing of one of the great women in American Christianity, Helen Amelia Thompson Sunday, widow of evangelist Billy Sunday.

Affectionately dubbed "Ma" by her world-famous husband, she had been a living symbol of aggressive evangelism since the death of Billy Sunday in 1935.

Traveling with her husband she appeared with him numerous times in Mississippi.

In her 88th year, she had been in critical condition for five weeks. She passed away at the home of her grandson in Phoenix, Arizona.

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Do Country Folks Go To Church?

For a long time a notion has prevailed over the country that the rural area of the land is the stronghold of American piety and faith.

Now comes a four year survey up in Missouri that raises a question about that sentiment.

The Rockefeller Foundation, the University of Missouri, and others have combined efforts in a study of 505 rural churches and 345 clergymen in six sample areas. They found some alarming facts at the crossroads.

Less than a fourth of the people in the large area surveyed attend Sunday services on an average Sunday. Only 23.1 per cent of the rural people in the entire state of Missouri, they found, attend church anytime. The attendance rate of church members was reported to be 58.6 per 100. Sunday School attendance totaled only 19.2 per cent of the rural population.

The survey disclosed many country churches badly located, often being miles from potential parishioners. The average cash salary of Missouri rural ministers was \$1,591 per year. Pastors of "established denominations" received \$1,812 as compared to \$971 for those of "the sects." Total average income, including salary and funds from other sources, was \$2,705 per year.

The report revealed that rural clergymen travel an average of 10,000 miles a year, but only 17.7 per cent get a travel allowance; 60 per cent do not get a vacation; 16.2 per cent do not have life insurance or retirement programs; and the full-time parson averages a work week of 46.3 hours.

In years gone by Baptists were known as country people and our strength was unquestionably rural. Today we are being identified more and more as a city people. In recent years we have had a tremendous growth in urban areas.

Even so, whatever strength we have this very hour is largely the multiplied efforts of rural people. Out of 30,000 churches 15,000 are in the open country. Another 5,000 are in tiny villages and another 4,000 are in small towns.

Here is the greatest challenge before us in church improvement—strengthening the work of the country church.

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Among Life's Low Moments

"I am the oldest living white man, especially at seven in the morning."—Robert Benchley.

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A New City Added Every Day

The population of the United States passed the 170 million mark last week. It came as a surprise. We seem to be passing the mega-marks mighty fast these days.

More startling is the fact that 130,000 new people are added to the world's sum total every twenty-four hours. Imagine a city the size of Jackson added to the world's populace every day.

As of January 1, 1957 earth's people numbered approximately 2,700,000,000. Of that number more than half are illiterate.

The Foreign Missions Bulletin states that there is now about 800,000,000 Christians—330,000,000 of them Evangelicals; 470,000,000 are Roman Catholic.

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Thursday, February 28, 1957

Procedures For Naming Chaplains To Be Studied

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Procedures followed in endorsing Southern Baptist Convention ministers serving as chaplains will be discussed in a meeting here April 3.

The meeting has been called by Horace G. Adams, Charleston, S. C., layman member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. Adams is chairman of a group appointed by the Executive Committee to consider chaplains' endorsements.

Representatives of the Chaplains' Commission of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, which handles Convention relationships with Baptist chaplains, will attend the meeting.

Adams invited all Baptists interested in discussing the procedure for endorsing chaplains to attend.

The government requires the various denominations to give endorsement to their chaplains serving in the armed forces and Veterans' Administration. While the government sets certain requirements to be met by chaplains of all faiths, the procedure for denominational endorsement is left to the discretion of each denomination.

The meeting is being held because the Home Mission Board asked the Executive Committee to appoint a group to consider the methods now being used in endorsing chaplains.

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Six VBS Clinics Set For March

A series of regional Vacation Bible School Clinics will be held the weeks of March 5-7 and March 26-28, it has been announced by Rev. Paul Boothe, associate in the state Sunday School Department, who will direct the meetings.

The purpose will be to introduce the new series of VBS books. Each day's clinic will begin at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 4 p. m.

Mr. Boothe will be assisted by other members of the state Sunday School Department. The complete schedule follows:

March 5, First Church, Batesville; 6, First Church, Pontotoc; 7, Forest Church; 26, First Church, Columbia; 27, Wesson Church, and 28, First Church, Yazoo City.

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300 Girls Attend YWA Houseparty At William Carey

Over 300 girls attended the Southern Regional Y. W. A. Houseparty at William Carey College in Hattiesburg this past weekend, Feb. 15-17. The girls began registration at 4 o'clock

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NEW BUILDING AT KITTIWAKE now under construction will add to the dormitory facilities of the Assembly. State Brotherhood Secretary W. R. Roberts, who serves as Assembly Manager, examines plans for the building with P. B. McChesney, contractor; Allen Ashley, Assembly caretaker; and state Royal Ambassador Secretary E. L. Howell. The motel type facilities will be air conditioned. A classroom building also under construction will be completed in time for the first assembly activities late in the Spring.

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CONVENTION TIME NEARS

For many years now, the second week in March has been Sunday School Convention time in Mississippi. It is that this year also.

Sometimes we have one convention a year and sometimes we have three. This time we are having three again.

They are: Tuesday, March 12, First Baptist Church, Greenwood; Wednesday, March 13, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Thursday, March 14, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Attend the one most convenient. Same program each day and same personnel. Morning, afternoon and night sessions each day. We begin each morning at 9:45.



C. F. BARRY

The Adult conferences of our three Sunday school Conventions will be under the direction of Mr. C. F. Barry, the able and efficient Sunday school secretary of Florida.

We urgently request our adult leaders of the state to be sure and make their plans to attend one of these Conventions, and get the greatest possible benefit from these conferences. Such opportunities do not come often, so be sure and take advantage of this one that will soon be near at home to so many of our adult Sunday school officers, teachers and prospective leaders.

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Miss Annie Ward Byrd

The conferences on intermediate work at our Conventions this year will be under the direction and guidance of Miss Annie Ward Byrd, editor of Intermediate Literature, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Byrd is a native of our state, from Mt. Olive. She is a daughter of the late Dr. J. E. Byrd, who was state Sunday school secretary for many years.

She is a very capable leader, and has made a noble contribution to the work in her service as a lesson writer. We urgently request our Intermediate officers and teachers over the state to be sure and attend one of the Conventions and get the benefits of the good things awaiting them in Miss Byrd's conferences.



BRYANT CUMMINGS

Young People's workers over the state will be delighted to know that these conferences of our three Sunday School Conventions, March 12-13-14, will be led by Bryant Cummings, the faithful and efficient director of religious education of the First Baptist Church, of Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Cummings has made a good name for himself in his chosen field of religious education, and is progressive in his program. We are glad that the officers and teachers of Young People's departments and classes in the state will have this very fine opportunity to be in his conferences during these three Conventions.

The Conventions will be in Greenwood, Brookhaven, and Hattiesburg, on March 12-13-14, respectively. Attend the one most convenient.

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HARTFORD, Conn. (RNS) — The theme for this year's houseparty was "Golden Service," celebrating the 50th anniversary of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Names In The News

Miss Sylvia Green, church organist and secretary at First Church, Gulfport, has resigned to accept a position as church organist at the East Grand Avenue Church in Dallas, Texas. She will begin her work in Dallas on March 3. Dr. Landrum P. Leavell is the pastor at First Church, Gulfport.

Rev. H. H. Aultman celebrated his fourth anniversary as pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, on February 17. During the past four years 635 members have been added to the church, 223 of these on profession of faith.

Rev. Edward P. Burke, Superintendent of Missions in Carroll and Montgomery Counties, reports that Poplar Creek, Nations has started a drive to raise money to buy new pews. Hays Creek and Bethlehem have begun mid-week prayer meetings and are planning to organize Extension Departments. Hebron has redecorated the auditorium, and New Shiloh has organized a Sunday School, with Belma Winters as Superintendent.

Dr. W. Levon Moore celebrated his second anniversary as pastor of the Second Avenue Church, Laurel, Sunday, February 17. During this period of time 203 people have joined the church and more than \$117,000 has been given to all causes.

Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor of the Parkway Church, Jackson, is a contributor to "Open Windows" for April, May, June, 1957. He wrote the devotional series for April 1-6 on the theme "What It Means to Be a Christian."

Mrs. S. H. Locke, Jr. has served for two and one half months as music-education secretary at Main Street, Hattiesburg. Miss Becky Myers has now assumed this position. Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. is the pastor.

Rev. Van H. Hardin, pastor of First Church, Lucedale, will be the evangelist for the spring revival to be held at Highland Church, Laurel, on April 22-28. Thomas Strong, Minister of Music, will lead the singing. Rev. James A. Hurt is pastor.

Dr. Chester Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the evangelist and Kenneth Forbes, Minister of Music in the First Church, Greenville, will lead the singing in a revival to be held at Hernando March 24-31. Rev. Charles H. Skutt is the pastor.

Rev. Morrell Lee, former pastor, will be the evangelist for a revival to be held at Mt. Olive Church in Carroll County March 24-31. Rev. J. N. Holloway is the pastor.

Rev. H. C. Ellis has resigned the pastorate of New Salem Church in Carroll County.

J. P. Tull, Jackson and Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Estes, Mississippi City, were recent visitors to the Baptist Building.

Dr. William Culbertson, president of Moody Bible Institute, is currently on a six-week tour of Africa where he will minister to missionaries. This trip to Africa is being made in response to the invitation of the Sudan Interior Mission and the Africa Inland Mission to speak at their annual conference.

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, announces that their early Sunday morning service is now broadcast from 9:00 to 9:30 a. m. over radio station WNOE (1060 kilocycles), a 50,000 watt station in New Orleans. This program was formerly heard for over sixteen years on another New Orleans station. Dr. Grey, in making the announcement, said "The broadcast does not compete with the local church. Many people hear the program as they are preparing to go to Sunday School on Sunday mornings. It is designed primarily for those who do not, and for those who would go to church but cannot."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

February 24, 1957

Aberdeen, First	395	116
Amory, First	402	96
Batesville, First	484	203
Belden	126	51
Bethlehem (Jones)	181	109
Biloxi, Emmanuel	191	81
Biloxi, Trinity	216	70
Booneville, First	326	96
Brookhaven, First	820	273
Main	681	200
Southway	102	53
Halbert Heights	37	20
Bruce, First	322	97
Byram	239	156
Calhoun City, First	368	145
Canton, Center Ter.	257	131
Center Hill (Desoto)	52	52
Charleston, First	351	107
Clarksdale	530	152
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	597	186
Cleveland, First	591	133
Main	462	
Chinese Mission	129	
Cleveland, Immanuel	212	140
Columbia, First	726	214
Main	686	
Columbia T. S.	40	
Columbus, First	1066	340
Main	929	281
Fairview	137	59
Corinth, East	226	89
County Line	129	45
Crystal Sprs., First	702	195
Crystal Sprs. Highland	94	61
Derma	81	60
Duck Hill	128	57
Durant, First	274	118
Eastside Mission	40	25
Edwards	66	24
Fair River (Lin.)	91	53
Fellowship (Choctaw)	91	68
Flowood	119	78
Forest	441	103
Furrs (Pontotoc)	97	59
Gray's Creek (Desoto)	50	52
Greenwood, Calvary	486	169
Grenada, Emmanuel	283	140
Gulfport, B'moor	268	97
Gulfport, First	850	275
Gum Grove (Lincoln)	107	62
Hattiesburg:		
First	622	256
Immanuel	287	117
Main Street	968	403
Main	960	
Mission	8	
38th Avenue	215	125
Hernando	207	81
Hollandale, First	246	54
Houston, First	361	164
Jackson:		
Alta Woods	628	244
Broadmoor	594	222
Calvary	1447	428
Mission		
Main	1409	412
Mission	38	16
Crestwood	720	355
Dan. Memorial	904	503
First	1357	426
Highland	148	60
Hillcrest	343	168
North Side	847	292
Main	818	
Univ. Hospital	18	
Cerebral Palsy		
Clinic	11	
Parkway	1004	439
Ridgecrest	543	203
Robinson St.	295	79
South Side	210	138
Van Winkle	666	313
West	464	167
Laurel, First	628	156
Laurel, Wildwood	279	96
Laurel, Highland	260	144
Long Beach, First	280	41
Main	251	
Delisile Mission	29	
Longview (Oktibbeha)	88	63
Louisville, First	520	185
Lucedale	402	146
Ludlow	115	68
McComb, Friendship	156	80
Friendship Mission	27	18
McComb, Locust St.	126	38
Magee, First</		

WMU Week Of Prayer Gifts For Foreign Missions

(Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)

The amount contributed for Foreign Missions through February 19 has reached a total of \$230,959.17 with 1,006 Missionary Societies participating.

DISTRICT I COPIAH

Antioch	100.00
Carpenter	18.55
County Line	301.35
Crystal Springs	601.39
Damascus	130.34
Gallman	12.00
Georgetown	211.42
Harmony	33.95
Hazlehurst	974.63
Highland	47.85
New Providence	8.60
New Zion	102.75
Pilgrim's Rest	13.45
Pine Bluff	14.75
Poplar Springs	20.00
Sardis	50.00
Shady Grove	35.00
Spring Hill	100.00
Strong Hope	9.75
Sylvarena	125.00
Wesson	1282.96
Zion Hill	55.00
Smyrna	30.00
Rock Hill	5.50
Pearl Valley	100.00

Gum Springs

5.00

Harrisville

67.25

Jupiter

9.25

Magee

1146.00

Mendenhall

369.51

Mt. Zion

52.45

New Hope

45.25

Oak Grove

5.00

Palestine

23.00

Pinola

41.22

Pleasant Hill

22.50

Poplar Springs

7.15

Stonewall

78.00

Weathersby

11.00

Athens

13.85

Goshen

32.50

WARREN

Goodrum, Memo.

20.00

Grace

134.25

Harmony

122.00

Strong Hope

9.75

Vicksburg

Bowmar Ave.

431.51

Calvary

48.31

First

1906.93

Immanuel

170.59

Northside

14.00

Trinity

22.11

Wayside

25.00

Woodlawn

85.35

HINDS

Bethesda

131.15

Beulah

46.27

YAZOO

Byram

New

30.00

Old (Byram Mem.)

12.40

Clinton

3982.72

Edwards

438.30

Forrest Hill

46.00

JACKSON

Alta Woods

468.15

Broadmoor

2503.67

Calvary

3169.23

Colonial Heights

75.00

Crestwood

225.19

Daniel

1588.19

Elaine

20.00

Emmanuel

119.95

First

6525.00

Griffith

474.53

Highland

67.35

Hillcrest

35.70

McDowell Road

30.50

Magnolia Park

5.05

Midway

100.00

Liverpool

30.00

DISTRICT II BOLIVAR

Benoit

217.93

Boyle

10.08

Cleveland

Calvary

125.24

First

400.00

Immanuel

530.15

Yale Street

15.10

Interstate

13.50

Merigold

57.18

Pace

21.70

Providence

124.65

Rosedale

134.80

Shelby

283.03

Skene

85.37

HOLMES

Cruger

11.93

Durant

441.61

Goodman

200.09

Lexington

132.24

Mt. Pleasant

13.72

Pickens

91.03

Tchula

165.80

West

18.50

Beulah

15.00

Saron

85.35

MADISON

Camden

7.00

Canton

Center Terrace

160.48

First

2131.33

Farmhaven

29.00

Flora

213.81

Lula

41.00

Madison - New Hope

570.08

Ridgeland

40.67

Damascus

5.00

Cash	9.65
Clifton	5.00
Ephesus	16.00
Forest	677.53
Forkville-Bethlehem	200.00
Good Hope	10.00
Harperville	38.00
Hillsboro	25.35
Lake	65.00
Liberty	17.48
Ludlow-Jerusalem	58.93
Morton	1039.56
Mt. Olivet	25.00
Ridge	36.00
Sand Ridge	11.50
Springfield	83.84
Two Mile	6.50
Sardis or Sébastopol	8.30

SMITH

Beulah	51.44
Burns	10.25
Lorena	15.00
New Home	5.00
Oak Grove	17.50
Raleigh	287.70
Sardis	12.25
Sylvarena	100.00
Taylorsville	310.53
White Oak	52.97

DISTRICT VII COVINGTON

Cold Springs	32.54
Collins	408.19
Leaf River	24.00
Lebanon	100.00
Mt. Horeb	17.20
Mt. Olive	160.00
New Hope	30.00
Ora	34.50
Salem	319.65
Sanford	251.33
Seminary	17.50
Union Sr.	30.00
Willow Grove	11.00
Calhoun	46.00
Williamsburg	30.00
Rock Hill	27.00

GEORGE

Agricola	80.00
Barton	30.05

Lucedale

First	770.00
Northside	6.12

Rocky Creek	242.40
Shady Grove	26.00

GREENE

Cedar Grove	58.14
Leakesville	125.00
McLain	102.65
Pine Level	18.25
Unity	14.00
West Salem	40.00

GULFCOAST

Bay St. Louis	158.95
Blitx	

Big Ridge

East Howard	161.0
Emmanuel	98.82

First	1199.96
Forest Avenue	63.06

Trinity	417.66
Bowen Memorial	40.00

Gulfport	
Broadmoor	176.12

Calvary Mission	11.75
First	1117.48

Grace Memorial	112.11
Gulfport Heights	31.35

Pass Road	7.12
West	51.48

Handsboro	95.91
Lakeshore	25.00

Logtown	205.00
Long Beach	734.60

Lymán	25.25
Miss. City Mission	46.41

New Hope	30.25
Pass Christian	186.90

Perkinston	31.63
Sharon	5.25

Woolmarket	7.00
Pearlington, Chapel	8.00

Oak St. Mission	20.32
JACKSON	

Bellefontaine	20.00
Escatawpa	26.65

Four Mile Creek	50.00
Friendship	25.00

Gautier	78.50
Hurley	13.25

Immanuel	9.00
Kreole	80.93

Moss Point	
East	176.18

First	465.92
Ocean Springs	353.32

Pascagoula	
Calvary	238.63

Eastlawn	161.95
East Side	26.00

First	1579.74
Riverside	90.98

Van Cleave	14.42
Bayou Cassotte First	35.00

JONES	
Bethlehem	85.91

Ellisville	

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Criswell Attacks "Social Gospel"

FORT WORTH — Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the world's largest Baptist church, unleashed a scathing attack on "the so-called social gospel" Jan. 16 in a speech delivered here before the 19th annual Texas Baptist evangelistic conference.

He said "the so-called social gospel is 'dead, dry rot that is destroying Christendom under the guise of social consciousness,' and declared that 'its fruits, whether in New York, Japan or India, are a dead church, a dead gospel, a dead denomination, a dead seminary and a dead preacher.'

Some of the pastor's remarks had been printed earlier in a booklet distributed by the huge 11,800-member First Baptist Church of Dallas and were re-emphasized again in his talk.

Dr. Criswell termed the "social gospelers" "utopian dreamers and arm-chair philosophers." He said that liberal churches today, "with their abandoned Sunday evening services, their deserted prayer meetings and their cold intellectual sermons, are occupying themselves with pimples of the skin when the disease of death lines in the blood stream of the heart."

Not Criticizing

The pastor explained, however, that he was not criticizing social workers, welfare organizations or any other kind of community betterment work.

"Men with a passion for social righteousness are to be commended," Dr. Criswell stated. "The amelioration of working conditions, the building of better community playgrounds, the organization of groups for the peace and the good of the world — these things and a thousand other like them are acceptable to God and to man.

"It is not for these things that we arraign the social gospelers," the pastor said. "We would support these humanitarian movements with all our hearts and souls. But the modernists have committed evils: They have forsaken the Lord God, the foundation of living waters, and they have hewed



FOREIGN STUDENTS AT CLARKE COLLEGE—President Lowrey Compere of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, chats with the three students from abroad on the campus this term. They are left to right, Peola Espinosa of Nicaragua, Cande Lopez of Colombia, and Tadashi Goto of Hawaii.

them out broken cisterns that can hold no water."

Dr. Criswell said the first thing the "social gospelers" did was to sentimentalize the relationship between God and man.

God No Yielding Father

"They made a God of judgment and wrath a soft, yielding Father, who has so made the world that we inevitably grow better and better," he declared. "That one should think there is a final reckoning for evil or a hell awaiting the wicked is to insult the sentimental fatherhood of God."

"Salvation, moreover, to the social gospelers, means that what a man requires is not regeneration in the old sense of the term, but simply an awakening to what he really is."

"Sin is no longer viewed as the black curse the scriptures say it is, but becomes instead a 'loss of direction, a wrong against the social good, the transgression of certain taboos established by custom.'

Social Gospel Fails

The Dallas pastor declared that "it is just here that the social gospel fails. It does not recognize the depravity of the human heart nor the judgment of God upon human iniquity."

Man has one need above all others, and that is the need for redemption. If he cannot be saved from his sins, no system into which he is placed will work toward peace and perfection.

"Our hope in the gospel of repentance and faith. We sin,

Arcola Announces March Revival

Rev. W. G. "Bill" Watson, pastor of the North Greenwood Church, will be the evangelist for the series of revival services to be held at Arcola Church in Washington Association March 3.

Rev. Roy Raddin, pastor of the Anguilla Church, will lead the singing. Rev. Arthur H. Leslie is pastor at Arcola.

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Michigan Messenger

Southern Baptists in Michigan have announced plans for a state paper to be called the Michigan Baptist Messenger. James Johnson is editor. The first edition is to appear this month.

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